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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Father Clarkson was in Kalamazoo on business Tuesday.

G. A. Cross of Lawrence was a Paw Paw visitor on Monday.

J. D. Bevans will leave for Florida soon to spend the winter.

Frank Simpson of Hartford has been in Paw Paw several days this week.

Will Harrett has nearly recovered from his recent injuries and is able to be out again.

Post Office inspected Howe of Coldwater was in Paw Paw on regular postal business Thursday.

The county association O. E. S. will hold its annual meeting in Paw Paw on Wednesday, November 14th.

Mrs. Clara Woodman who recently underwent an operation at the New Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo is

Master Wendell Reidl went to Kalamazoo last week for further treatment on his eyes. The recent operation to straighten the eyes was entirely successful.

The subject for the Sunday morning sermon at the M. E. church will be "The Unseen Christ." The evening service will be a Union meeting at the Baptist church.

The date of the International Live Stock Exposition has been set for the week of December 1 to 8th, this year. It will be held in the Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

The Division of Vital Statistics of the Department of State reports 3,287 deaths in Michigan during the month of September, and 7,326 births during the same period of time.

The chairman of the Red Cross society of Waverly township requests the presence of every lady in the township who is interested in Red Cross work at the M. E. church in Glendale on Saturday, November 3rd, at 1:30 P. M.

Is your subscription paid for in advance? If not, won't you please favor us with prompt remittance. Look at date of expiration opposite your name on margin of paper, and if you owe us kindly "Pay up your bill, so we can pay ours."

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Colburn passed away at Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo last Tuesday. She was taken there for an operation for appendicitis, but it was too late. The funeral was held from the home on Thursday, Rev. C. H. Heaton officiating.

A patriotic citizen was explaining to another man his idea of conservation of food and expressed himself thus: "We observe both meatless days and wheatless days and are glad to do it." The other replied: "I go you one better. We have darn near eatless days."

New regulations of the Post Office department prescribe seven pounds as the limit on parcel post packages to France. This regulation is now in effect. The department also advises that parcels intended for delivery to soldiers at the front for Christmas, must be mailed not later than November fifteenth, to insure delivery by the holidays.

The Almema Unit Women's Chapter Van Buren county Red Cross society will give an entertainment at the Gleaser Hall in Almema on Saturday November third at eight o'clock. A fine program has been arranged and the proceeds of the entertainment will be used to buy Christmas presents for the Almema township boys now in the National Army.

Arba Hawley, assistant post master, has achieved the ambition of every postal employee in the Civil Service, and that is a perfect rating in a case examination. Chief clerk W. E. Rose of Chicago came to Paw Paw last week to conduct the examination, and in addition to record time in "throwing" the seven hundred cards used in the examination, not an error was to be found in distribution. This gives Arba a rating of 100, a record of which he is justly proud, and one attained by only a few of Uncle Sam's postal employees.

Mrs. E. F. Parks spent Saturday in Kalamazoo.

L. B. Gorton was in Watervliet on business Wednesday.

The E. R. Laverty stock has been moved to Kalamazoo, where it will be closed out.

The Friday club will meet this (Friday) afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Tuttle on North Kalamazoo street.

Henry Holt still remains critically ill. He has been confined to the bed for some weeks and his condition does not improve.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell left for Cleveland, Ohio last Saturday, where she has spent the week at the home of her brother Fred Stevens.

The Gorton Piano store will soon have a new front. The building is owned by H. L. McNeil and Contractor C. C. Young is doing the work.

The last installment of the great serial "Liberty" will be shown at the Idle Hour tonight, together with four other special reels. The best show of the week is announced for Saturday night.

C. W. Van Tassel and family have been entertaining an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Payton of California. Mr. Payton has returned home, but Mrs. Payton will remain for several weeks longer.

Following is the program for the next meeting of the Coterie, Wednesday, November 7th Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Warner. Music, Vocal, Mrs. L. B. Des Voignes. Roll Call, "How I spent my vacation." Report of State Federation, Mrs. Lena Rawson, Decatur.

Commencing with next week, The Idle Hour will close on Monday and Friday nights. The Saturday afternoon matinee will also be discontinued. The same high class features will be shown the balance of the week as patrons of this popular movie house have been enjoying under Mr. Reeves management.

A. Walkington, juror from Covert exhibited in Paw Paw this week an apple which was placed in his cellar one year ago now, and was taken out just a few days ago. It was of the King variety and was almost as solid as when placed in the cellar. Twelve months is a long time for an apple to keep in a barrel in the cellar, without being wrapped.

The ladies of The Royal Neighbors and their husbands (only) will enjoy a social evening at Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, November sixth. Each one is requested to come masked. Refreshments consisting of coffee, doughnuts and pumpkin pie (only) will be served. Admission fee ten cents to all. Money to apply on hall rent. Camp will be called to order at 7:30 sharp. Special business.

The Camp Custer Y. M. C. A. is supplying free of charge thirty-two thousand envelopes per week to Michigan and Wisconsin boys in camp. The envelopes are put with writing paper on the counters where the men can help themselves. Long wooden tables in the seven Y. M. C. A. buildings now in operation at Camp provide places to write where the envelopes are used.

Guy F. Warner has resigned his position as auxiliary clerk at the Post Office, to accept a position as assistant book keeper at the First National Bank. Guy has been in the civil service at the post office for several years, and will be missed there not only by the balance of the Post Office force, but by the patrons of the office as well. He is a competent, courteous and efficient clerk, and the Directors of the First National Bank showed good judgment in the selection. He will commence his new duties next Monday.

Seven hundred foreign-tongued soldiers of Uncle Sam at Camp Custer are in the Y. M. C. A. English classes, not only learning to speak and write English but to be good Americans. First they learn to speak, then to write, and then they are taught civics and history. The Peter Roberts dramatic method by which the word is acted out as well as sounded, long used in the Ford school in Detroit, is the system in use in Camp Custer. John Dague of Detroit, who introduced the Roberts system in Detroit, is one of the secretaries at Custer.

Mrs. Anna Ellis left on Saturday last for Cleveland, Ohio.

Ed Finley of Hartford was in Paw Paw on business last Monday.

Mrs. Edward Harvey is the guest of Kalamazoo friends this week.

Will Amsterberg was a business caller in Kalamazoo last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith went to Chicago last Friday for the week end.

Mrs. H. A. Cole and daughter Margaret were Kalamazoo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehead and family spent Sunday last with friends in Marcellus.

John Hirsleman came home from Battle Creek to spend Saturday last with his family.

R. L. Tuttle and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pugsley and family of Lawton last Sunday.

Douglas Hindenach came home from Battle Creek last Sunday to spend the day with his parents.

Manager Reeves of the Idle Hour theatre attended a meeting of Movie managers in Detroit last week.

Mrs. F. J. Bridger returned Saturday from Northern Michigan where she has been visiting her mother.

Pupils of the fourth grade enjoyed a Halloween party at the D. R. Thayer home on Wednesday evening.

It seems a little too early for real winter, but the weather at the present writing has all the earmarks of the genuine thing.

Miss Madge Osborne who has been a guest for the past few weeks at the Bruce Cummings home departed Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Lola Bates, attended the Sunday school convention held in Lawrence last Saturday as a delegate from the Paw Paw Baptist church.

Mrs. E. F. Parks entertained the ladies of the Monday club at Bridge at her home last Monday. Three tables were needed to accommodate the guests.

The High School notes which will be published in the columns of The True Northerner each week, are very interesting. Miss Lola Bates is editing them.

Miss Mildred Van Tassel entertained a large company at a Halloween party on Wednesday evening. The costumes were as varied as they were unique, and the guests enjoyed themselves to the limit.

A \$50.00 Liberty Bond was purchased by E. F. Parks, J. W. Free, W. F. Hoyt, T. J. Cavanaugh and Glenn E. Warner as a prize to be given the student in the Paw Paw high school who shows the best all around ability. The award will be made next June. The gentlemen are to be commended for their patriotic generosity.

The next "Drive" will be on in full blast the week of November 11th to 19th. This time it is the Y. M. C. A. fund. Michigan is asked to contribute the sum of \$1,250,000, and of this sum Van Buren county will raise \$5,000. The Y. M. C. A. is considered a mighty important factor in the army and navy life, and is doing a great work. Preliminary plans for the county campaign were launched at a meeting in Paw Paw last Tuesday.

Paw Paw is to lose one of its estimable and highly esteemed families. Carl Wolfs for several years cashier of the Paw Paw Savings Bank has severed his connection with that institution, and will leave soon for Detroit where he will engage in business with a brother. The Board of Directors of the bank accepted his resignation at a meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfs have made many warm friends during their residence in Paw Paw, and the announcement of their decision to leave here, is received with sincere regret. Not only by the directors and stock holders of the bank, but by the citizens of the community in general. Attorney Glenn E. Warner was elected director to succeed him. Blaine Warner, assistant cashier at the Savings Bank for several years is promoted to the place made vacant by Mr. Wolfs' resignation. Faithfulness and close application to business have won for Blaine the promotion he has received.

Miss Ora Rowlee of Lawrence was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. N. Wakeman for the Coterie meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Don't forget the Canning Factory meeting at the Council Rooms next Monday night. It is mighty important to the business welfare of Paw Paw.

Mrs. C. O. Monroe of South Haven, and the Misses Eunice Northrup and Ona Braybrooks of Lawrence were in Paw Paw to assist with the musical program on the opening day at the Coterie.

George Carr of Ithaca, Michigan has been spending the week with Paw Paw relatives and friends. He was married to Miss Grace Hicks of Ithaca two weeks ago, and brought his bride here with him.

The True Northerner presents a little different "Make-up" this week, the first page being devoted to local items of general interest. This makes a solid page of "Locals" and we are wondering how our readers will like it.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held in Memorial hall on Saturday, November tenth. All officers and members are requested to be present as the inspecting officer will be there. The meeting will call to order at 1:30 P. M.

Mrs. George Beak, Miss Ruth Mylan, Mrs. S. H. Wilson, Mrs. W. F. Grady, Mrs. C. O. Monroe and Mrs. George Monroe all of South Haven were in Paw Paw Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Van Buren county, Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross.

Bills printed at The True Northerner office advertise a big auction sale for W. E. Boyles on the Dr. Gram stock farm two miles west of Mattawan on Friday, November ninth. A full page "ad" in this issue gives the details of the sale. It will be a big auction and should have an immense crowd.

The tobacco contributed to our boys at the front, is on its way to France. The postage on the parcels amounted to something over \$9.00, which was contributed by the boys around town. Parcel post regulations permit parcels and not more than seven pounds to France, on which the postage is twenty cents per pound.

The new Revenue Tax law, now in effect, will affect all movie houses as well as practically all lines of business. It imposes a tax of one cent on all five and ten cent tickets, and two cents on all fifteen and twenty cent tickets. This tax cannot be paid by the proprietor of a theatre, but must be added to the price of the tickets. Be governed accordingly when asking for a ticket at the Movies.

"Trench and Camp" a weekly paper devoted to soldiers interest is the latest Y. M. C. A. Enterprise at Camp Custer. Four thousand copies are delivered to the soldiers free every week. Four pages of the eight page weekly are published nationally, contributed to by the greatest writers and cartoonists of American journalism. Four local pages are edited in camp by a member of the Y. M. C. A. staff. The paper is not a Y. M. C. A. organ; it is a Camp Paper edited by the Y. M. C. A. as a service to the soldiers.

The United States government needs classified clerks at the National Capital. This work is particularly interesting on account of the opportunity offered for college work in connection with the clerical duties. Civil service employees at the capitol complete the days work at 4:30 and institutions of learning provide special courses for those who will take advantage of it. Particulars of examination, etc., and details of the work can be had by application at the post office. Arba Hawley is local secretary of Civil service commission.

Subscribers to The True Northerner will confer an everlasting favor, if they will call promptly and pay their subscription. This is the time of year, when many subscriptions come due, and it is imperative for us to have all that is coming to us promptly. "You pay your bills, so we can pay ours" is a slogan for everyone. The date opposite your name on the margin of paper tells whether or not your subscription is paid up to date. If the date is not November 1917 or some later date, you are indebted to us. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Thayer spent the week end last week with friends in Kalamazoo.

Judge and Mrs. David Anderson will leave for Chicago today to spend the week end in the city.

Several of the Paw Paw high school boys saved enough money from their earnings last summer to buy a Liberty Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cross spent Sunday last in Lawrence with his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Cross.

Frank A. Shuart, state factory inspector from Lansing was in Paw Paw on official business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jennings, for many years residents of Paw Paw township left on Tuesday for their new home in Ravenna, Ohio. The best wishes of a host of friends accompany them to the new home. The trip was made by Auto.

Dr. and Mrs. Van Vleck entertained her father Dr. A. G. Hildreth of Macon, Missouri last week. On Tuesday they left for Lansing to attend the State Osteopathic Association meeting. Dr. Hildreth was on the program for an address.

Sunday, November 4th, will be "Go-to-Sunday-School-Sunday" throughout Canada and the United States. It is expected that a million people will attend Sunday School in Michigan on that day. Many Sunday Schools are preparing special programs for the day.

The new postal rates are now in effect. It takes three cents now to mail a letter, and two cents for a postal card. Letters for delivery from the local office however, either by city or rural carrier or general or box delivery are designated as "Drop Letters" and may be mailed for two cents. Patrons should make a special effort to remember the new rates, otherwise letters will have to be returned to sender for more postage, or marked due and paid at destination before delivery.

The department of Boys and Girls club work of the Michigan Agricultural college has been advised that \$1,000 has been appropriated by the Board of Supervisors of Saginaw county for the continuation of Garden Enterprises in 1918. Thus Saginaw county takes the lead in Michigan in making ready for gardening next Spring. This is the first appropriation for 1918 reported to the M. A. C. The Board's substantial endorsement of the gardening project was a result of its finding that through investment of \$700.00 last summer, boys and girls of that county were encouraged to produce garden crops valued at more than \$7,000.

The business men of Paw Paw and farmers of the community are taking very kindly to the Canning Factory proposition. A meeting was called at the Council Rooms last Monday evening to meet Mr. Traver and talk over the situation, but owing to the condition of the roads, Mr. Traver was unable to get here, and the meeting was postponed until next Monday night. The meeting will be held at the Council Rooms at 8:00 o'clock and every business man in the village, and as many of the farmers in the community as can get here should be at the meeting. Mr. Traver is a successful and reliable canning factory man. A canning factory here under his management would be a success, and would mean much to Paw Paw. This opportunity must not slip by. Attend the meeting next Monday night.

The following items were clipped from a "Clearing Sale" bill of the Duncombe (Our County Treasurer) cash store in Keeler and gave some idea of the prevailing prices on staple commodities in the month of September 1895. A comparison of prices of the same articles in October 1917 will be interesting. Following are just a few of the prices quoted at that time: Best Clear Back Pork, 3 1/2 cents; 23 pounds fine granulated sugar, \$1.00; 15 pounds oat meal 25 cents; 10 bars Jaxon or Lenox soap, 25 cents; 17 bars Climax soap, 25 cents; Good tea, 28 cents; Coffee 18 1/2 to 26 cents; Calico, 4 cents per yard; Gingham 3 to 5 cents per yard; Ladies shoes, 85 cents per pair; Mens shoes, \$1.68 cents per pair; and so on down the list. It should be remembered however, that wages in those days were from fifty cents to \$1.00 per day.

Mrs. Travis of Kalamazoo is visiting her sister Mrs. Grimes here this week.

George Tyler and family have moved into their town house on Oak street and are now nicely settled.

Robert Dillon and Mark Chaffee of Camp Custer spent Sunday at home with their parents.

Fenner Hayes departed Monday for Los Angeles, California. This is Fenner's twenty-ninth trip to the land of sunshine.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hacker started Monday for their new home in Indiana. Mr. Hacker has filled the pulpit in the Christian church for several weeks, and has made many friends here who join in best wishes for him and his in the new home.

The ladies of Paw Paw are entitled to great credit for their part in the recent Liberty Loan. The ladies of this village and community subscribed for a total of \$23,200 in addition to which \$20,000 more were sold through their efforts. Mrs. T. J. Cavanaugh was chairman of the ladies organization, and the various ladies clubs and other organizations were active. Hats off to the ladies.

While the county draft board have received no official notice as yet, the press dispatches indicate that the next contingent of the National army quotas will be called to camp on November ninth. The Board are now engaged in checking up the available men, to know just how many more will have to be summoned for examination to make up the Van Buren county quota. The allowance of numerous claims for exemption have cut down the number considerably, and it is quite probable that at least two hundred men will have to be summoned for examination before the full quota is reached.

The Liberty Loan Drive was a great success the nation over and while the figures will not be tabulated for some weeks, the government officials are able to announce that the \$5,000,000,000 has been oversubscribed. Van Buren's quota was \$789,000 and \$398,300 was subscribed. It is not a very good showing for the county as a whole, as some townships did not awaken to the necessities of the drive. Paw Paw township came within \$2,500 of subscribing its allotment. The township was well organized, and many gave liberally of their time to reach the amount. Had weather conditions been a little different, the amount here would have been oversubscribed, as very few subscriptions were taken in the country. This is only a starter however, and we will be called on frequently during the duration of the war. The government must have the money, and if it is not loaned freely when asked for, the government will have to raise by tax. The citizens of Paw Paw may well feel justly proud of the showing made thus far.

Thousands of dollars worth of grapes still on the vines; potatoes undug; beans pulled and laying in piles on the ground, apples still on the trees and freezing winter weather. Such is the situation that confronts the people of this community today. There has been an incessant downpour of rain during all the month of October, which culminated in a heavy snow storm and freezing cold weather Monday night of this week. The sudden change found an almost universal condition of unpreparedness. Many of the grape growers have completed their harvest, but there are acres and acres yet untouched. Even if the weather should moderate within a day or so, the grapes will all be on the ground and practically useless, unless it be for inferior wine and vinegar. It seems a pity to with the prevailing high prices. The loss is tremendous. There are acres and acres of beans yet that have not been touched. Cabbages, onions, and celery to are in the same condition. The loss also on apples will be heavy. It is reported that one grower alone in Arlington township has five hundred barrels of apples yet on the trees, and the chances are that they are all ruined. The probabilities are that we will have good weather yet. But there is now from three to four inches of snow on the ground, and still snowing. It is not extremely cold, but the hard freeze of Monday and Tuesday nights did the damage.

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